

MUNI FARE INCREASE

By Bette Landis

After marathon sessions, beginning at 2 p.m. March 17, and ending at 11:20 p.m. on March 19, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve a MUNI fare hike by 8 to 3 votes.

The dissenting votes were cast by Supervisors Walker, Britt and Bardis. The deadlock was broken by Supervisor Quentin Kopp, after his amendment to Public Utilities Commission fare option #2 passed. The amendment provides for a re-examination of the MUNI budget after 3 months.

The new fare schedule, effective April 1, calls for an adult fare of 50¢, with adult Fast Passes being raised from a cost of \$11 to \$16. Fares for seniors and students will remain at the 5¢ level, as will Fast Passes at the rate of \$2.50.

Passage of the fare schedule will enable San Francisco to qualify for additional revenues of \$17.3 million dollars from the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) under the terms of AB 1107. To be eligible for MTC funds, MUNI must collect one-third of its support from the fare box.

The other proposals in the Mayor's \$112 million dollar revenue package passed with healthy majorities.

Supervisor Britt's attempt to add a 5% tax commercial rentals to the business tax failed.

With additional funding from fare increases and the MTC funds made available to MUNI, ad valorem support previously earmarked can be diverted to fund other vital city services, including fire and police protection, health, libraries and park and recreation programs.

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Zoning Change Affects Small Business

By Merrill Collett

Sprinkled through the OMI's residential neighborhoods are dozens of small businesses. Some, like the corner Mom and Pop grocery store, provide a needed service. Others provide an annoyance by competing for scarce parking spaces and creating unwanted noise.

The city planning department is taking a long look at all businesses operating in a non-commercial area. Some may be required to move to commercially zoned sites.

When San Francisco's first zoning laws went into effect in 1921, businesses located in areas not zoned for commercial use were given "non-conforming status." This gave the planning department the authority to stop these businesses from operating at a future date.

In 1960, the department exercised this authority by setting the date of May 2, 1980, for non-conforming businesses to move, or explain why they shouldn't. The Board of Supervisors later exempted this termination date small, service-type enterprises like the Mom and Pop store.

City planning will require that these exempt businesses conform to new regulations. Store signs, for example, will not be allowed to project over sidewalks. Business hours must fall between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The date for making these changes is May 2, but planning officials doubt all will be completed by then.

Businesses not specifically exempted have to apply to the planning department for a conditional use permit to operate in a residential area.

According to city planner Franz Huckerman, only two businesses operating in the OMI fall into this category: Oliver Brothers Glass Company, 524 Holloway Ave., and Scarborough and Williams Arco Service, 101 Farallones St.

The Arco gas station met an earlier planning department deadline. Its owner was granted a permit by the Planning Commission last December along with four other station owners who pleaded that the City could not afford to lose its gas allocation.

Oliver Glass Company, which employs four people and uses two slightly larger than pickup type trucks, has not yet applied. Receptionist Roni Jarvis said her boss, Ernie Oliver, does intend to appeal by the May 2 deadline.



A tow company's stored vehicles fill two empty lots at 530 Holloway Ave. in violation of the city's general plan.

Using address lists which Oliver must provide, the planning department will then send letters to all residents within 300 feet of his business. It will also post public notice of the appeal on four nearby utility poles. The neighborhood consensus will determine if his request for a conditional use permit is granted.

Compounding any neighborhood nuisance which may result from the glass company parking its two trucks on crowded Holloway Avenue is the business conducted in the two empty lots next door.

These lots are illegally used to store an automobile towing company's towed vehicles. They are also used by a painter.

Neighborhood residents who do not want to be quoted complained about traffic jams created when tow trucks move cars in and out. Others noted that the car-stuffed lots create an ugly break in the symmetry of a residential neighborhood.

City planner Wayne Rieke, an OMI resident, acknowledges that the lots are being used in violation of the city's general plan. "But with Proposition 13," said Rieke, "we're so understaffed." Residents said the lots have been used illegally for years.

Other neighborhood businesses generate occasional complaints to the OMI Community Association. These, such as Faxon Garage, 545 Faxon Ave., and the U-Haul Moving Center, 4050 19th Ave., are operating in commercially zoned areas and do not come under the new planning department review.

ST. EMYDIUS SCIENCE FAIR

The second annual Science Fair was held at St. Emydius school on Sunday, February 24. Students in grades 4 through 8 entered projects in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics. The projects included experimentation and written reports that accompanied models and displays.

Winning students from grades 7 and 8 were permitted to enter the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park March 22-26.

St. Emydius winners were Ron Thomas, Susanna Ponce and Leticia Ruiz de Chavez from grade 8; Bobby McCullough, Anna Guidry, Michael Andrayck and Andrea Rodriguez from grade 7.



Leticia Ruiz de Chavez, one of the winners at St. Emydius School Science Fair.

OMI NEWS GREAT PAPER DRIVE

April 19



REPORT FROM YOUR OMICA PRESIDENT

By Henry Jefferson, President

Hi to all you wonderful people of OMICA. Let me bring you up to date on some of things that are happening in our community.

First, the good news. I'm happy to report that our senior transportation program is off and running.

Second, the meeting that was held March 12, 1980, at the Ocean View Recreation Center was informative. There is \$200,000 set aside waiting to go out to bid, for repairing the gym floor and improving the lighting around the building. However, community leaders and community organizations must come together in a meeting so we can see some of the problems that surround the park, including the naming of the center and track field.

Third, the other day, I was forced to do what I am sure a lot of parents do, and that is to pay a visit to the school their son or daughter attends. I went to Balboa High School where my daughter is a freshman. As I entered the building, I became so dismayed at the things I saw that I almost didn't want to go in. The first thing I noticed was the number of kids in the hallways. When I saw this, it carried me back to my school days at Mission High, where, if you were caught in the hall after the bell rang, you were sent to the Dean's Office with a detention slip. I soon learned that at Balboa High they do not have a procedure for people who cut classes.

Because I did not know my way around, I walked through the hall and got a good look at the school. Balboa could use a lot of repairs. There are broken doors, windows, and the building seems to be suffering from lack of janitorial services.

My destination, the counselor's office, was even more appalling. Here is a high school counselor who is supposed to give guidance to students for the purpose of shaping their lives and preparing them for the future.

I found this man sitting at a table in a small cubical of a room with no desk or office furniture. His filing is kept in two small boxes. There were two people sharing this space, which is not large enough for one. I realize we are living in the era of Proposition 13, and all the other Jarvis junk, but we must ask ourselves if this is the kind of school we want for our kids, where the counselors do not even have a private office? I cannot believe that the school department is in that bad of condition that they cannot make repairs or afford office spaces for the counselors.

It is time for the community to take a stand. Our OMICA Board of Directors is trying to find out what the community's priorities are. We plan to meet quarterly in the community with the first such meeting scheduled for April 19. This meeting is to prepare ourselves for the town meeting scheduled for May 17. At the two meetings we plan to have someone to speak on all the issues and complaints of the community, such as jobs, senior programs, youth, school, crime and other concerns you may have. Please plan on coming. We need your support. Thanks.

Note: As I was writing this column, I just heard about about the Muni fare hike to fifty cents. What do you community residents think about this fare hike? Voice your opinion. Write to the OMI NEWS.

Veronica Hunnicutt, long time member of the OMI Community Association Board of Directors resigned her duties as Vice-President. Hunnicutt's resignation was accepted with regrets. The Board expressed appreciation and wished Hunnicutt success in her new ventures in community service.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Jefferson,

My staff and I want to thank you so very much for giving us the wonderful bus service. In just this short time our program attendance has greatly improved, meaning we are serving a greater number of people.

Not only is the bus such an asset to our program, the drivers, Bill Glover and Frank Taylor have gone far beyond their duties in the patience, courtesy, and friendship they have shown their passengers. We look upon the drivers as friends and the drive to and from the church is an added attraction for us.

Joe Giordano has been most patient and helpful in setting up the schedules that insure the success of the bus service. It has been a pleasure to work with someone whose concern is so deep. We are truly grateful to him.

Again, many, many, thanks to you for making all this possible. I hope you can visit our program sometime in the near future.

Sincerely yours,
Josephine Mann, Director
RCHA Program
San Francisco Council of Churches

Editor:

The School of Humanities at San Francisco State is interested in presenting courses and programs that would appeal to people who have not ordinarily considered themselves college students -- working people, retired people and the like.

Among other things, we are organizing a Club for students from the less conventional populations to supplement and expand the activities of the already overloaded club for over-sixties here at the college. Called "Students-Plus", it will offer meeting opportunities, recreational and informational programs, and possible fee waivers for college classes.

We'd like to be able to keep your students up with developments in Students-Plus. Can you suggest how we might do that? We can offer ourselves for interviews -- whatever seems best to you.

Call me if you like at 469-1070 (or English Office: 469-2264). And thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Niel K. Snortum
Students-Plus

Dear Editor:

I think that the closing of the Ocean View, Ingleside and Excelsior branches of the public library system would be a great depression to the three communities because the neighborhoods already produce an impressive amount of vandalism and vice.

Each community, with the absence of a library would discourage the persons seeking the library as a source of knowledge, which are great in number. Intellectual people who have many times sought the library as a place of acquiring knowledge beyond the public school system, would be socially and mentally depressed when the library in their residence is no longer of use. Closing libraries is exposing public facilities to vandalism. To many in my neighborhood, which is the Ocean View branch, the library is a second home to those whose parents or guardians have failed to provide adequate learning dwellings. Please take action.

Sincerely,
Maurice Chenier

From City Hall



By Supervisor Kopp

For those of you who may have heard conflicting or confusing information, I want to explain the outcome of the Muni fare increase sought by the Mayor.

I proposed that the fare increase be temporary and for only three months because, first of all, it entitles the City immediately to raise more than \$9 million in state sales tax money. This money has been withheld from the Muni Railway by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission because the Muni does not quite achieve the "magical" figure of producing 33 percent of Muni operating costs through farebox revenues. Current state law (AB 1107), authored by Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy, requires the Muni Railway, as well as AC Transit and BART, to recover 33 percent of their operating costs from fares before they can receive any of the extra half-cent sales tax revenues collected in the three BART counties -- San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa.

I believe this law is wrong, and I am working to have it changed. I am urging San Francisco's representatives in Sacramento to take action expeditiously to eliminate the 33 percent requirement. The Muni now produces 29 percent of its operating costs from farebox revenues, and we should get credit for that amount. Last year, the City and County of San Francisco collected more than \$20 million of the extra half-cent sales tax. All of this money was deposited with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. So far, we have received nothing back, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is sitting on a surplus of \$23 million. A portion of that money rightfully belongs to San Francisco and should be distributed by MTC to the Muni Railway.

The second reason I agreed to a temporary Muni fare increase is because three months from now two things will have happened.

1) The Board of Supervisors will have seen and voted on the proposed Muni Railway budget for 1980-81. During the recent Board debate, there was no Muni budget prepared and no way to determine where cuts could be made to reduce operating costs. I am positive cuts can be made, and that "fat" can be cut in Muni management, which has doubled in the past few years. In June, the Board will be in a much stronger position. We will know the facts about the Muni budget and whether or not a fare increase is needed. We will not have to rely on biased information from Muni management and the PUC.

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CALENDAR

- April 2 SNIG 139 Broad St. 7:30 p.m.
- April 5 OMICA Board Meeting, 201 Granada & 19 10:00 a.m.
- April 6 OMI Easter Egg Hunt, Merced Heights Playground 1:30 p.m. (children under 12 only)
- April 7 League of Women Voters 7:30 at 10 Lunado Way
- April 8 OMI Town Meeting (call 584-8188)
- April 9 Farragut Action, 201 Granada 7:00
- April 10 OMI News Editorial Committee, 201 Granada 7:00
- April 17 Ingleside Terraces Homes Association 7:30 850 Urbano Dr.
- April 19 OMI NEWS Great Paper Drive 201 Granada 9-4 p.m.
- April 19 Earth Day City-wide Celebration
- April 19 Ingleside Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale 1345 Ocean Ave.
- April 19 OMICA Special Quarterly Meeting, Paradise Baptist Church 7 p.m., 2595 San Jose Ave.
- April 22 RSVP Christ Church Lutheran, "Exercise for Seniors" 20th & Quintara 1-3 p.m.,
- April 22 Health Fair, Temple Methodist 9-7 p.m.
- April 24 OMI NEWS DEADLINE
- April 26 Commodore Sloat Family Flea Market 10-4 p.m.
- April 30 Ocean Ave. Merchants Association, 201 Granada 7:30 p.m.

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What's Happening

By Rochelle Metcalf

During the month of February, St. Michael's Parent-Teachers Group presented Louisiana Madi Gras at St. Michael's Hall. There were gumbo, jambalaya, and boudin served with music by Queen Ida and her Bon Ton Band, Myrick Guillory and Amis.

Many of the young and old crowded into the hall. It was standing room only. Several St. Michael's parents were busily serving up food and libations. Among them were Joe Marshall, Marie and Joe Samiere, Sue Fluellen, chairperson for the PT group; Nate and Maxcine Jackson and James Higgins. Guests included Bettye Simon, OMI resident and director of the S.F. Streetworkers.

The highlight of the Madi Gras was the costumed parade that showed-off innovative and cleaver costumed disguises.

Another political organization is on the rise in the OMI. The Northern California Black Alliance, a non-partisan organization interested in the political development of Northern California. The group met in the home of Dr. Sodonía Wilson, located on the fringes of the OMI, for a reception honoring Michael and Jan Ito. Michael grew up in the OMI, living on Orizaba and Randolph Streets; his mother Michiko Ito used to own Fairview Market, located there on Randolph and now owned by Kay and Sarge Howard. Michael works in the San Francisco District Attorney's office, and his wife Jan is employed in Assemblyman Willie Brown's office.

Among the officers of the organization are OMIs Henry Collins (chair) and Veronica Hunnicutt (vice-chair). Several OMIs attended -- Louise Nobles, Judge and Mrs. Perker Meeks, Lewis Jackson, Paul Nelson and staff members of City College: George Crippens, Edward L. Davis, and Vester Flanagan.

The Democratic League of S.F. held a St. Patrick's celebration at D.A. Arlo and Helen Smith's St. Francis Woods residence. The Las Amigas Social and Civic Club's president and a resident of the OMI, Ethel H. Brown, and her club held their 24th Annual Madi Gras Ball at the Hyatt on Union Square on Saturday, March 22. Proceeds from the annual event go to Guide Dogs for the Blind of San Rafael.

San Francisco State University's Student Union building was the site of radio station KDIA's Third Annual Radio-thon on March 23 to benefit the United Negro Colleges.

Race Track Day

It's parade time again in the Ingleside Terraces. May 10, 1980, at 12:00 noon, the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association will host "A Day at the Old Ingleside Race Track", on and around Urbano Drive.

All are welcome to join in the gala event which will include foot races around the historic Urbano Mile, roller-skate races and other exciting contests.

Entrada Court, site of the second largest and most beautiful sundial in the world, will be the center of more sedate activities. Music, dancing, displays and skate-board demonstrations of skill and daring will be featured to delight all ages. There will also be foods of all varieties for discriminating palates.

The Job Bank

By Marvin Marra

CLERK-TYPIST--Perform typing, filing and other general clerical office duties. Type monthly and clinical reports, letters, vouchers, compose and type correspondence. Receive and interview general public in connection with providing information on the program. Assemble material and information from various sources. Operate various office machines. Check and review a variety of documents for conformance to establish standards and requirements. Maintain all files in a correct, confidential and safe manner. High School grad or equivalent. Minimum of two years office work experience. Good knowledge of office methods and procedures, business English and spelling, good working relationship with fellow employees. Type 45 wpm. Salary \$800/mo. Send resume to Frederick Bryant, 294 Divisadero, S.F., CA. 94117. Position is with Project B.A.Y., a component of Youth Advocates, Inc.

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OIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The greater San Francisco Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) clerical training program is currently recruiting applicants for an April class. A small stipend is paid.

Persons who are CETA eligible and meet the following requirements:

Unemployed or under-employed; 18 years or older; high school graduate (or GED equivalent); San Francisco resident; and type 25 words a minute (net). GSF/OIC office at 863-3400

From City Hall

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2) In the June 3rd election there is a proposal I have introduced that would allow the City to charge an extra penny-per-gallon tax on gasoline sold in San Francisco. All the proceeds will be allocated to the Muni Railway. This penny tax on gasoline would bring in an estimated \$5 million more per year for the Muni. I urge everyone who wants a better Muni Railway and believes in the priority of public transit to support it.

Further, at my instigation, Senator Milton Marks has introduced legislation (SB 1905) that would allocate \$150 mil.(or more) per year from State off-shore oil revenues to public transit systems. Because of price decontrols and the skyrocketing prices of oil, the state is reaping a windfall in tideland oil revenues. The state estimates that next year it will collect \$500,000,000 or more from these revenues. Presently, most of this money goes to construct buildings on state college campuses.

I strongly believe that there is much greater need to fund mass transit and a much closer connection exists between oil profits and mass transit than between oil profits and more college buildings. I intend to work hard to persuade our state legislators to pass this bill and to have it go into effect before 1981.

As far as I'm concerned, the Muni fare increase is not permanent. I propose the temporary increase so that the Muni could obtain \$9.6 million immediately in state sales tax funds and in order to provide time to: (1) change the state law on the 33 percent requirement to receive AB 1107 funds; (2) scrutinize the Muni budget on where cuts can be made; (3) work for passage of SB 1905 to allow us to receive tideland oil money for the Muni.



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Three contemporary prize-winning Polish films which have not had theatrical release will be presented free to the public this month in San Francisco State University's McKenna Theater (Holloway Ave. off 19th Ave.). The pictures, from a series touring selected universities in the U.S., are made available by special arrangement with the Polish government and the American University in Washington, C.C.

SFSU English professor Herbert C.V. Feinstein, film scholar and archivist, has coordinated the presentation here; it is sponsored by the School of Humanities and Cinematheque. Dr. Feinstein has served on international film festival juries in Moscow and Leipzig. He will introduce the films, which are in Polish with English subtitles.

Showing Friday, April 11, at 11 a.m. is *Man of Marble*, a modern day legend of a fallen hero. Monay, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. is *Spiral*, a dramatic examination of the death-wish. Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. is *Death of the President*, based on the true-life assassination of a left-wing executive in the 20s. THE GONDOLIERS - Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Gondoliers* will have four performances (April 19, 22, 24, 26) at 8 p.m. in McKenna Theater, plus a special matinee on Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m. Geoffrey Lardner, professor of theater arts, directs the lighthearted yarn of two gondoliers whose romances are interrupted when a misunderstanding makes them kings for a day. Reservations and information: 469-2467. MORE GILBERT & SULLIVAN - "Bean Bag Theater," special stage presentations for children at 50¢ will present *The Mikado*, the musical tale of a Mikado's disguised son who agrees to be beheaded if he can spend a month married to the girl he loves, in two performances on Saturdays, April 12, 19, at 2 p.m. in Room 104, Creative Arts Bldg. on Holloway. For information: 469-2467.

HOW TO MAKE HISTORY - A \$1,000 prize toward college expenses and round trip air fare to Washington, D.C. to complete in a National History Day contest awaits a winning high school student writing on *The Individual's Contribution to History*. The Northern California finals will be held all day Saturday, April 19, at SFSU gym. Open to the public; phone 469-1604.

BAROQUE MUSIC - One of America's first ranking baroque chamber music groups, the Aulos Ensemble from New York, will be held in free concert Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m. in McKenna Theater under auspices of the Artist's Series coordinated by Laszlo Varga, professor of music. Music of Vivaldi, Couperin, Corelli, Telemann, Handel, Boismortier and J.S. Bach will be performed. A free master class for singers and baroque ensembles will be held on Monday, April 14, at 11 a.m. in Knuth Hall (Creative Arts Bldg.). For information, call 469-2467.

FEEDBACK LEARNING - A course covering biofeedback, holistic health, brain research and parapsychology is offered for two units of academic credit on Friday, April 25 and May 2, from 4 to 10 p.m. The fee is \$84. For background on biofeedback, call the Division of Continuing Education at 469-1373.

SUMMER IN EUROPE? - To study in Paris, Madrid or the medieval town of Perugia in Italy, the University offers special programs this summer. Contact Mary Pieratt, coordinator of International Travel Study: 469-1371.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC - Improvisation and surprise effects are promised for the music concert, *Impractical Reasons of Space*, to be held in Knuth Hall on Thursday, April 10. Special sound and lighting effects, film and video projections and karate movements will provide background for the show. General admission is \$3; \$1.50 for senior citizens and students. Call 469-2467.

ROY JACKSON IS

A group of friends and business associates put a pleasant conclusion to St. Patrick's Day when they honored Roy D. Jackson, Ocean Avenue realtor, at a surprise birthday party at the company offices, 1927 Ocean Avenue.

Linda Hornes, sales manager at Jackson Realty, hosted a sumptuous buffet for the occasion, assisted by colleagues Penny Samuels, Gerri Williams, Irene Smith and Anna Belle Freshly.

Among the guests who toasted Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were Cora Webb, Visa Realty; Tommye Isom, former salesperson at Jackson Realty; Roberta Simmons, Concerned Black Parents of San Francisco; I.T. Bookman, Joe Giordano, Margaret and Norman K. Dorn, OMICA; Sid and Lotte Weiss, Faxon Garage; Azel Jones, Management Consultant; Larry Taylor, American Worldwide Tours; John Jackson and Milt Kelly, Mortgage Specialists, V. J. Diffley, Jr., Diff's Furniture; and Jim Nance, Nance Barbeque.

"This was a stunning surprise," Mr. Jackson said, "I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who made my birthday a very happy occasion."



Career Development At CCSF

Free career planning and job-seeking skills classes are offered to adults Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and from 9 a.m. - 12 noon Saturdays, by City College of San Francisco. The courses offer training in diverse job-seeking arts, such as interview techniques and resume writing. Each course is a short-term course and carried one-unit of credit.

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ST. MICHAELS

St. Michael's School presents their third annual spring festival, WILD, WILD WEST, on Saturday, April 26, from noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from noon to 6 p.m.

Festivities take place in St. Michael auditorium at 32 Broad St. There will be fun and games for all ages--face painting, food, prizes, cork guns, Teddy Bear ring, jail, fish pond, balloons, darts, cake wheel, jewelry booth, and more. Tickets for the big drawing to be held at the end of the festival are on sale for \$1. First prize will be \$1,000, second prize is \$500, third prize, \$250.

For more information on the festival call Sue Flewellen, 585-4781.

St. Michael School Board and Parent/Teacher Board will hold a joint meeting on April 15 to plan for the 1980-81 school year.

Registration applications for new students for the 1980-81 school year are now available at the school, 55 Farrallones St. (phone 585-4781). Testing will be done in late April or early May; report cards from the present school year will suffice.

TRAVEL SEMINARS

Every month at American Worldwide Tours offices at 2010 Ocean Avenue, Larry Taylor holds a festive seminar for those who dream about travel to distant lands and far off places. Last month, guests were treated to a vicarious tour of Mexico Fantastico.

Each seminar centers around a different area of the world and a different mode of travel. Conducted by Mr. Taylor, a world traveler himself and a man knowledgeable in every aspect of vacation tours, the seminars offer films or slide shows of the area under discussion, music of the country, plus wine and cheese and door prizes. The sessions are informative and fun.

Larry Taylor, founder and owner of American Worldwide Tours, and his assistant manager, Rosalinda Cardona, as well as an area representative of the locale under discussion for the evening, can answer any kind of question about travel. They assure that a trip planned by their agency will be most enjoyable and quite unforgettable.

To learn more about the "Country of the Month" and the exact date and time of the seminar, call Larry or Rosalinda at 586-2615

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BOARD BRIEFS

- Discussed OMICA Board concerns about funds to maintain Ocean View Recreation Park. Meeting scheduled to follow-up these concerns with Recreation and Parks Department.
- Discussed increase in Muni fares. Board voted to table the Mayor's plan, motion lost. Support for Supervisor Walker's plan for 33% increase was supported by the Board.
- Received \$150 donation from Bank of America.
- Each Board Member will donate a dozen eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 5, 1980 at Brooks Park.
- Scheduled Town Meeting for May 17, 1980.
- Accepted resignation of Vice-President Veronica Hunnicutt with regrets.

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Old Times

By Marsha Fontes

On March 27, 1779, Don Juan Bautista de Anza's caravan of future San Franciscans trouped by Lake Merced. Eastward lay a tract of land that was to evolve into Parkmerced, a residential community of nearly 10,000 people.

Parkmerced covers 200 acres. Planned as the "Community of Tomorrow" in 1941 by Frederick H. Echer, an innovative New Yorker, the development was the first of its kind -- a complete rental village.

These 200 acres of Parkmerced were originally a peninsula-like extension of land into Lake Merced. Remember that Lake Merced was much larger at one time, extending east along Brotherhood Way into the Ocean View district and a bit to the north into what is now S.F. State University, Stonestown, Mercy High School and part of the Ingleside Terraces. These gulches were caused by small creeks trickling their way down the hills into Lake Merced. The gulches have been filled in over the years. Southern Pacific filled in some along Junipero Serra Blvd. to lay their spur track into the main line through Ocean View; the Italian farmers filled some to create more arable land. A large landfill project was completed during the Great Depression in the 1930s when twomiles of Lake Merced Blvd. were built by hand as a WPA Project.

Sometime before 1930, the Ingleside Golf Course was built on the Parkmerced tract. Who owned this course, and the exact year it was built has yet to be researched. If any reader has this information, please call. This golf course was one of four in the neighborhood -- Harding, San Francisco Golf Club, Lake Merced Golf Club, and Ingleside.

Frederick H. Echer, an officer in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., envisioned an idealized environment -- an environment where people could live and play in harmony and safety. The original concept was for 2,531 apartments and town houses, none more than two stories. The cluster arrangement assured privacy and secure play areas for children. Tennis courts, ball fields and playgrounds completed the design.

In 1945, with the outbreak of World War II, all building was halted. Parkmerced was near completion and many military families moved in.

After the war, in 1948, building was resumed. There was pressure for more housing for returning soldiers. The towers were added to the overall design, providing nearly 1,000 more apartments.

Streets were named after members of the de Anza expedition, both men and women. A few historic names are: Font, after Fra Pedro Font, chaplain and historian of the expedition; Serrano, after Dona Anna Regina Serrano, de Anza's wife; Bucareli, after Most Excellent Senor Lieutenant General Baylio Fray Don Antonio Maria Bucareli y Ursa, Viceroy, Governor and Chaplain General of New Spain.

Blood Drive May 4

OMI's first community blood drive will be held for one day only on Sunday May 4, at St. Michael's Church, 32 Broad Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anita Browning, OMI resident and St. Michael's graduate, is a donor recruitment representative with the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

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CHILD CARE -- WHO CARES?

By Pamela Collett

Child care is a very low national priority. The Federal government views child care as strictly a welfare function -- not positive support for families. The federal policy comes from the beliefs that (a) a woman's place is in the home, (b) women who work outside the home do so from choice not necessity, (c) child care leads to the breakdown of the family.

The facts speak to the contrary. Given the present state of the economy, including runaway inflation, (a) and (b) are obviously incorrect. 41% of all mothers with children under six in the United States are presently working. And the percentages are much higher in San Francisco.

The fact that American families are in crisis only points to the need for more positive support for families. including quality, subsidized child care for all families who want it.

Does this mean more wasteful government spending, which we have heard so much about? Studies, such as the many done with Head Start preschool children, show that school performance is improved by a good early childhood program, especially if the parents are involved. Money spent on child care is money well spent. In fact, it is money saved, in the long run, because good child care programs can help keep families together and improve children's school performance.

Some so-called "tax reforms" such as last year's Proposition 13 and this June's Proposition 9 (Jarvis II) represent different thinking. Supposedly designed to cut the "fat", these propositions are a threat to what meager child care programs already exist. The State Legislative Analyst's Office predicts a \$5 billion loss of revenue if Proposition 9 (Jarvis II) passes in June. Already the Governor's office has approached child care specialists for advice on how to cut the state child care budget by as much as 30% in preparation for Proposition 9.

Some people seem to think that it's "too expensive" to help families with a positive support system. They would rather pay the bill later and pick up those kids further down the line -- on skid rows and in jails.

We need more, high quality child care and we need it now -- for the sake of our kids and ourselves. Yes, it is expensive but in the long run it's a cheap price to pay for happier, better-adjusted, more productive children and families.

SAVE THE DATE! If you want to learn more about child care issues and programs, plan to attend a one-day event on San Francisco Child Care Issues for the 1980's, sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Child Care. The event, including a forum, workshops and a fair will be held on Saturday, May 10, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mission High School. All child care programs will be invited to participate in the fair and tell people about their program.

For more information, contact Lucille Abrahamson or Joanne Lieberman, at the Mayor's Office of Child Care. 558-3994.

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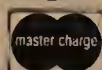
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OMI SENIOR CENTER MOVES

The OMI Neighborhood Senior Center has relocated its program to 333 Randolph St. The Center, sponsored by the San Francisco Council of Churches and the Commission on Aging, serves seniors 60 years and older in the Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside area with a variety of free services, including legal assistance, transportation, hot noon meal, health and nutrition education, crafts, music, food co-op, and friendly companionship. It is the only senior center in the area which is open all day, five days a week.

The new location is the former "Arcade" building which was recently purchased by William R. Gray, CPA. Gray is leasing one side of the ground level building to the OMI Seniors program which will feature a boutique with handmade articles from the Seniors.

Since December, 1978, the OMI Neighborhood Senior Center has offered a hot lunch program to seniors. It is expected that the program will expand. Home-delivered meals are available, this service can be arranged by calling 587-1443.

Adrienne Baker, Director, said, "We are looking forward to expansion of our services. Seniors are urged to drop in, we are ready to help. They can come in to discover where their interest lie, or just drop in for a few minutes of conversation, take a class, or even stay all day."

CCC MEETING



By Bessie Brooms

Burl A. Toler, Director, Certificated Services for the Community College Centers Division of the San Francisco Community College District, will be the Guest Speaker at the Kenny F. Holmes Scholarship Banquet of Paradise Baptist Church.

Mr. Toler has been an inspiration in providing positive leadership and guidance to youth in San Francisco and is well-known for his commitment to youth. Rev. Ray Howard and the scholarship committee under chairperson Mrs. Bessie Brooms, have taken on the responsibility of raising \$5,000 to be given to deserving and needy graduates as a "Boost Toward Higher Education."

The committee has scheduled a Special Fund Raising Banquet at the Jack Tar Hotel (Grand Ballroom), Van Ness at Geary, on Saturday, May 31, 1980 at 7 p. m. Tickets are \$21 each. Tickets may be obtained by calling 334-0684 between 12 noon - 3 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

One of the door prizes to be awarded to a "lucky guest" will be a color television. The San Francisco community is invited to lend their personal support to further the education of our potential leaders.

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OMI HEADSTART AT OCEAN VIEW LIBRARY

By Dorothy Myers

Fourteen students from OMI sponsored Bayview Headstart Pre-school, located in the Temple Methodist Church on Junipero Serra, attended a story hour at Ocean View Branch Library, with new librarian Dotty Myers recently. The three-to-five year olds were accompanied by teacher Mitch Sternberg and Aide Josephine Washington. Carmen Trasvina of the OMI Board of Directors joined the group as observer.

Pre-schoolers were welcomed to the branch with "Monty the Alligator" name tags and departed with new bookmarks after listening to poems, stories and recorded music.

The group included Acie, Anitra, Antwanette Dejih, Diadra, Donovan, Henry, Herman, Kareem, Kisha, Marcus, Nakeisha, Phillip and Raymond. Absent from school that day were Lori, Joseph, Shane and Victor.

One pre-schooler exclaimed as she left, "Thank you, I'll be back tomorrow!"

The storefront branch, located at 111 Broad Street near Plymouth Avenue, is the only public library branch in the city threatened with closing on all three San Francisco Public Library budgetary planning levels.

HEALTH FAIR '80

The OMI Community Health Fair will be held Tuesday, April 22, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Temple United Methodist Church, 1111 Junipero Serra (19th Ave.) Blvd. The sponsoring organizations -- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.; Veterans Administration Medical Center; Ocean View-Merced-Ingleside Community Association; and Temple United Methodist Church -- are joining KRON-TV and Chevron U.S.A. to provide residents with free health screenings, demonstrations and counseling.

Anyone 18 years of age or older may participate. The goal of the Health Fair screening is to alert individuals to possible health problems. It is not designed to take the place of a physical examination by a doctor. Health Fair '80 is based on a model provided by the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations. This year the same model is being used for health fairs in 16 other U.S. cities.

The free health screening for visual acuity; anemia, blood pressure; height; weight; hearing; dental; podiatry and health counselings will be available to all participants. An optional blood chemistry work-up which screens for diabetes, kidney and liver disease, gout, triglycerides, iron, cholesterol and many more will be offered for a nominal fee of \$7.00. Such blood tests could cost up to \$100.

Be sure to take advantage of the free health screening, being offered at Health Fair '80. Do your self a favor now, and see the benefits later. The test and multiple screenings are designed to detect diseases before they become serious. If a problem is detected you should see your family doctor for further diagnosis and treatment.

For more information contact Edna James, Health Fair Coordinator, at 585-9325.



Mrs. Carmen Trasvina, OMICA Board member, came to share a story hour with pre-schoolers

PRIVATE \$ FOR ED. GRANTS

Grants totaling approximately \$40,000 were awarded to twelve San Francisco public schools and to the district's all-city Youth Orchestra by the San Francisco Education Fund, Superintendent Dr. Robert Alioto announced.

The fund, created in April 1979 by a group of business and civic leaders and the help of a local foundation, has raised the money from the private sector to give support to public schools. The awards, initiated from the school site, fulfilled the requirement that proposals meet needs that:

- (1) Cannot be supported by the District budget,
- (2) Attend directly to student needs at the classroom level,
- (3) Inject quality education through outstanding teacher effectiveness,
- (4) Stimulate student enthusiasm to learn,
- (5) Will have administrative support.

The award-winning schools represent all grade levels: elementary, middle, high, and district-wide schools. In subject matter the areas cover Science/Environment, Arts/Music, Basic Skills, Social Studies, Counseling and Parent Involvement.

The grant proposal at Jose Ortega was written by OMI resident, Mrs. Dolores Baugh. The project will provide funds for a Parent Coordinator, Mrs. Shirley Robinson, to coordinate and implement programs suggested by parents.

"We are delighted to have this tangible link between schools and community," Dr. Alioto said. "The Fund represents a way to demonstrate that all San Franciscans have a stake in public schools. These awards are important because they were teacher initiated and will support the effectiveness of outstanding teachers."

Quests Unlimited - New Summer School

Two experienced California credentialed teachers, Dolores DeCarli and Cecile Paynter, have organized a summer school for 1980 -- Quests Unlimited -- for 60 San Francisco children, grades 1 through 6.

The teachers plan to operate the program for a five-week period from June 30 through August 1, 1980. The students can participate in one, two or all five weekly sessions. The schedule will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

In the morning, basic instruction will be offered in reading, language and mathematics. Afternoon sessions will consist of enrichment opportunities involving research skills in science or social studies, plus activities in music, dance, art or plays. A physical education program will be provide. In addition, weekly field trips will be arranged.

Child care will be provided before and after the regular school schedule.

For further information, call 824-0360. Open House will be sponsored by Quests Unlimited on April 14 or May 13 at

VAN-TRANS MEET

OMI Community Association Transportation Committee meetings will be held regularly on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:15 to 10 a.m., just prior to the regular OMICA Board meetings at 201 Granada.

These meetings are open to the public, except for personnel hearings. Anyone wishing to address the Transportation Committee should call 584-8188 to be placed on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Mayor's Office of Community Development encourages the public to attend a public hearing to review the progress and performance of San Francisco's Community Development Program and Housing Assistance Plan.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday evening, April 8, 1980. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, City Hall.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain comments and views of citizens on the program progress and performance.

An exhibit of Community Development projects and activities will be on display in the west vestibule (Van Ness Avenue side) of City Hall on Monday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 8, 1980 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copies of a progress report on the Community Development Program will be available for the public during the exhibit hours.



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OMI YOUTH

In October 1979 a Youth Group was founded at St. Emydius School. The group consists of 30 youths in the area; they meet every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Emydius gym, Jules and DeMontfort Sts. Young people of high school age to 20 years are invited to join. New members may attend the first Wednesday of each month.

Their goals are to widen and enlighten the minds of youth to meet and understand their environment and their community. Officers are: Kim Zachary, president; Anthony West, vice-president; Marie Ellison, secretary; Andrea Bishop, assistant secretary; Carla Jessup, treasurer; Larry Boone and Andre Price, sergeants-at-arms; Jackie McCoy, Brenda Burgess and Patricia Marshall, hospitality committee. Advisors are Mrs. Suzanne Bishop-Aitchison, Mrs. Evelyn Carmichael, Dave Roberts and Father Vincent Ring, consultant.

Six youths from this group (K. Zachary, A. Sandles, A. Bishop, J. Still, L. Boone and R. Gatewood) have been chosen to represent the OMI at the State House Conference on Children and Youth in Sacramento April 16-19.

Public Schools Week

"Public Schools: America's First Choice-Democracy's Only Choice" is the theme of this year's Public Schools Week in the San Francisco Unified School District, April 21 through 25.

The San Francisco Board of Education set the week at a Tuesday board meeting.

San Franciscans are invited to visit schools during the week.

Math/Science --
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Young women in the 6th through 8th grades are invited to the middle school Expanding Your Horizons conference, scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1980, at Lowell High School, 1100 Eucalyptus, 9 to 2:15 p.m.

The conference is free. Students need bring only a bag lunch. Interested students should see their math or science teacher for tickets.

Sessions have also been planned for parents and teachers.

For more information, call Carolyn Aho, at 863-4223.

JUDGE MEEKS FETED



Left to right: Assemblyman Willie Brown, Patricia and Perker Meeks, and Jacqueline and Henry Jefferson.

By Frances M. Grubb

It was a lovely evening! Delectable hors d'oeuvres, plentiful potables and warm good fellowship made the OMICA reception honoring Perker L. Meeks, Jr. on his appointment to the Municipal Bench an evening to remember with pleasure.

The Lake Merced Boat House was

AT FARRAGUT

The OMICA's Farragut School Task Force will meet Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at 201 Granada, to consider further the proposal of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to provide housing and other options at the Farragut School site.

On March 1, the OMICA Board of Directors voted to inform the Chamber of Commerce that OMICA is willing to consider further a cooperative effort with the Chamber in pursuing a mix of residential-office-recreational uses at the site, as long as one result would be space for community-based programs, and that there would be effective citizen participation in deciding any re-use of the Farragut School site.

Since the February 6 community meeting, there has been substantial interest from community residents about the Farragut School issue. According to Dan Reidy, chairman of the Farragut School Task Force, several persons have contacted him directly, and many more have called or dropped by the OMICA office to register their interest. The Task Force will contact all those who have shown interest, plus leaflet the immediate neighborhood around Farragut regarding the April 9 meeting.

beautifully decorated in blue and white for the gala event which was enjoyed by some 250 OMI residents, OMICA members and friends on March 22.

OMICA President Henry Jefferson opened the program by introducing State Assemblyman Willie Brown who served as master of ceremonies.

Always witty and articulate, Assemblyman Brown presented the evenings speakers, District 9 Supervisor Nancy Walker and Judge Meeks. All were warmly received. And none spoke too long.

Adding to the festive air was the RSVP, women in long graceful gowns, who helped check coats, served drinks and passed trays of edibles. These volunteers also served the blue and white sheet cakes. No one went hungry or thirsty except by choice.

An added grace note was music provided by the Fair Oaks Trio (flute, guitar and cello). The group played classical and popular -- but not raucous -- selections.

"Scenes of Home", a photo exhibit, drew admiring comments. The photographers who contributed pictures were Frank and Marsha Fontes and Dr. Frank Shulkin.

A number of businesses -- and good OMI neighbors they are -- deserve many thanks for their contributions to the success of the party: Alladin Realty, Bank of America, Cameron Realty, Cortez Cleaners, David's Coffee House, EXXON Service, Jackson Realty, John Robert's, Kane's Furs, Margo's Lodge, Mathis Restaurant, N. Gray and Company, Ocean View Liquors, Pretty Girl Beauty Salon, Reef Seafood Restaurant, Roland's Records, Savoy Auto Parts, Scandia Realty, Selix Formal Wear, Viennese Cake Box (Stonestown), Westlake Maple Shop.

A list of all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time and effort is not available as we go to press. But heartfelt gratitude goes to the OMICA officers and Board members, past and present, plus the many OMICA members who were so generous in so many ways.

Even Mother Nature lent a hand by providing a clear, cool star-filled night for the festivities.

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